



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 8,100 in Nebraska.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 3,400 in Nebraska.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Nebraska: 185.7 **National:** 202.3

Nebraska ranks 45th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,000 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Nebraska.
- 900 men and women will die of lung cancer in Nebraska.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Nebraska	National
Overall	49.8	56.8
White	49.3	56.7
Black	72.4	66.4
Hispanic	24.4	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,100 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Nebraska.
- 200 women will die of breast cancer in Nebraska.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Nebraska	National
Overall	25.6	27.7
White	25.3	27.2
Black	41.8	35.9
Hispanic	-	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,100 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Nebraska.
- 400 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Nebraska.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Nebraska	National
Overall	22.2	21.2
White	22.0	20.7
Black	31.1	28.5
Hispanic	19.5	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,400 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Nebraska.
- 200 men will die of prostate cancer in Nebraska.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Nebraska	National
Overall	28.6	32.9
White	28.3	30.2
Black	51.2	73.0
Hispanic	-	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Nebraska death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.